

The Westerly Probate Court

IS LEGAL AT LAST—SUBSTITUTE ACT RECTIFIES ERROR.

RAID UNDER DIFFICULTIES

Maxson Plant to Be Operated by Former Employees of the Sherman Company—Flag Day Appointments.

Although business has been conducted regularly before a judge of probate in Westerly, through a careless error in law construction there has been doubt as to the legality of the business transacted, and the wonder is that it was never discovered in his persistent contest before that court by James W. Stillman, who seemed to find some kink in the law at almost every session of the court until the estate in which he was interested was finally settled. Recently Senator Louis W. Arnold presented a resolution validating the acts of the Westerly probate court which was referred to the committee of the judiciary, and report has been made to the senate which provides for the election of a judge of probate for the town of Westerly and validates the acts of the present and all former judges of the probate court.

When the court and practice act was passed about six years ago it did away with the appointment of probate judges through an inadvertence. To remedy this, an act was passed providing for the judges, but through error the town of Westerly was not included in the list of towns thus privileged. Therefore, since that time, the probate judge of Westerly has apparently been acting without legal warrant, and although during that period no contested will has reached the higher courts, important action has been taken in many instances that might become subject for legal complications in later years if the validating act was not passed.

The new act makes this provision and also provides how judges of probate shall be elected for the town in the future. The original act was presented in the senate Friday and a recommendation of the committee for indefinite postponement and the passage of the substitute. The latter repeals other acts inconsistent and makes the new act operative on and after its passage.

John G. Cross, attorney and constable of South Kingston, who made the sensational raid on the fashionable Narragansett club at Narragansett Pier at the height of last season, and when the club was filled with society people, made a raid Friday night on the Skunkatuck Hunting and Fishing club, near Peacocks, which was not without its trials and tribulations. Early in the evening Mr. Cross went to the residence of Judge Nathan B. Lewis and secured a warrant to search the clubhouse premises for liquor and illegal paraphernalia.

Mr. Cross and his trio of assistants arrived at the clubhouse just before 9 o'clock. They made quick descent and found fourteen men sitting about tables and drinking. Beer bottles, some half drained, were on the tables, and there was nothing to indicate that an advance tip had been given of the coming of the raiding party. The raiders seized half a barrel of whiskey, several crates of bottled beer and other liquors, a nickel-in-the-slot machine and several packs of playing cards.

The seized goods were placed in one of the two automobiles in which the raiders made the trip, and John McArdle, accused of maintaining a liquor nuisance, was arrested. The party proceeded to the home of Frank G. Perry in Wakefield, who is empowered to arraign and fix bail. He was willing to arraign the prisoner, but insisted that it be done in his (Perry's) home. McArdle named James C. Davis as his bondsman, but Davis absolutely declined to go to the Perry house. As these men important to the case could not be gotten together, Constable Cross decided to place his prisoner in the Washington county jail, but he misadvised. Sheriff John R. Wilcox declined to receive McArdle without a writ, and would not assume the custody of the seized goods.

Mr. Cross finally succeeded in finding a place for the seized goods at the home of a friend, and then went to Narragansett Pier with his prisoner. Justice Edward W. Attias was aroused from a sound sleep and McArdle was arraigned and pleaded not guilty. Thomas L. Greene furnished a bond of \$500 for the appearance of the accused before Judge Nathan B. Lewis in the second district court Monday morning.

Many years ago effort was made to erect a granite monument in Westerly to the veterans of the Civil war. There was a controversy as to its location, and finally the project was abandoned and the Memorial and Library building substituted, and on a tablet of bronze in the hallway of the second story of the building is this dedication in raised letters:

"Erected to Commemorate the Noble Deeds of the Volunteer Soldiers and Sailors of Westerly and Vicinity in Maintaining the Union. 1861-1865."

Now there is talk of a monument of native granite to the veterans of the Spanish-American war, and it is expected that preliminary action will soon be taken by the members of Brucker camp. It was hoped that Westerly would be the first place to move in this particular matter, but the proposed action of Brucker camp has been anticipated and the first monument to be dedicated in this country to the veterans of the Spanish-American war is projected for Brookton, Mass.

The inscription on the new monument will read: "Erected and Dedicated by Patriotic Citizens of Brookton in Honor of the Soldiers and Sailors of the United States Who Served in the War With Spain and Ensuing Insurrections. 1898-1902."

There is a movement for a press censorship at Wellesley college, of which Miss Helen F. Pendleton of Westerly is dean and acting president, and this town represented in the student body. Tentative plans have been drawn for the restriction of undergraduate reporting. There has been considerable chatter among the faculty and members of the college governing board at the nature of some of the

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news of the college activities recently furnished to the newspapers.

The following Civil war veterans, members of Budlong post, Grand Army of the Republic, have been detailed to represent the organization and give patriotic instruction to the school children of Westerly in connection with the exercises of Flag day, Feb. 12: Paul H. Hillard, Westerly High school; Christopher Simmons, Elm street school; John B. Brown, Pleasant street; Benjamin F. Cory, Quarry Hill; Axel W. Tott, Avondale; Stephen A. Congdon, Dunn's Corners; Ernest W. Barber, Park avenue; James A. Sisson, White Rock; William L. Babcock, Niantic; Augustus A. Law, Chestnut street.

The Hope Valley Telephone company

has been sold at a bargain and improved service will be the result. The Providence Telephone company is the purchaser. Negotiations have been in progress for some time, the owners of the Hope Valley plant being desirous of selling the property, which has not paid dividends since service was inaugurated eight years ago. It is estimated that the cost of the Clark automatic system in Hope Valley was between \$12,000 and \$15,000, and the understanding is that the price paid by the Providence company was about one-half of the original investment.

The traffic arrangements of the two companies will be continued for the present. It is stated, but there is a probability of the employment of different equipment in Hope Valley when there is demand for an increase in the number of telephones. The Hope Valley

system at present serves seventy-five subscribers. The treasurer and general manager of the Hope Valley company was G. W. Burch of Providence.

The secrecy connected with the purchase of the plant of Maxson & company in West Broad street was broken Friday night when three of the men prominent in the employ of the R. A. Sherman Sons' company ended their business relations with that company, and perhaps a little earlier than expected. The Sherman company was negotiating for the purchase of the Maxson plant, but J. Irving Maxson, owner of the property, could not comply with some of the conditions exacted by the Shermans and there was an end to the negotiations. Last Wednesday Mr. Maxson sold the plant to Judge

Edward M. Burke, to be transferred by him to the real purchasers, for whom he acted as attorney. It was agreed by all concerned that the

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